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Attn: Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re Appeal No. 2009-007560

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ORDER GRANTING REQUEST
TO RESET HEARING DATE**

This Response acknowledges receipt of the Order Granting Request to Reset Hearing Date from Roger Williams, Chief Clerk of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, faxed to the undersigned on December 2, 2009. The Clerk's granting of the Request to reschedule the above Oral Hearing is very much appreciated.

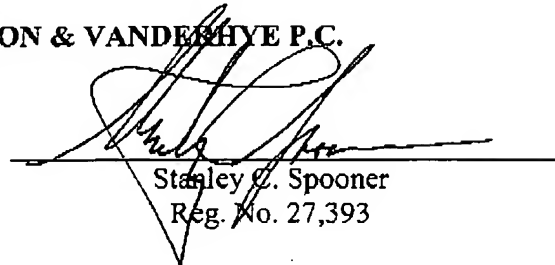
Given that the Chief Clerk has indicated that "[n]o further request for postponement will be permitted" it is respectfully requested that the Board take into consideration the fact that Applicants' undersigned representative has already scheduled and paid for a vacation beginning *March 18, 2010* and ending *March 26, 2010*. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the hearing on the above case not be scheduled during that period of time.

Should the Board have any other questions regarding the setting of the hearing date for this appeal, the Board is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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